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# VA National Acquisition Center's (NAC) FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE (FSS) MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

*Providing world class healthcare products & services to the federal marketplace*

## RECENTLY AWARDED FSS CONTRACTS (JUNE 2009)

### Pharmaceutical, Dental, Patient Mobility, & X-Ray

- Guerbet: V797P-5072E
- Alkermes: V797P-5079E
- Fougera: V797P-5091E
- Ameriderm Laboratories: V797P-5088B
- Mission Pharmacal: V797P-5087B
- Cephalon: V797P-5090B
- Kowa Pharmaceuticals America: V797P-5092B

### Medical/Surgical Equipment

- Coventry Health Care Workers Compensation: V797P-4213B
- Welch Allyn: V797P-4218B
- New England Medical Systems: V797P-4205B
- Alpin Surgical Specialties: V797P-4211B
- Coloplast Corporation: V797P-4195B
- CPR Savers & First Aid Supply: V797P-4208B
- TRA Medical Supply: V797P-4210B

### Medical Professional & Laboratory Testing Services & Cost-Per-Test

- Pacific West Health Services, Inc: V797P-7208A

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FSS Customer Training Schedule

- Seattle, WA – Aug 5<sup>th</sup>  
POC: Ms. Maria Boelter –  
[Maria.Boelter@va.gov](mailto:Maria.Boelter@va.gov)
- Phoenix, AZ – Oct 21<sup>st</sup> & Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>  
POC: Mr. Jim Wooding –  
[Jim.Wooding@va.gov](mailto:Jim.Wooding@va.gov)

If you would like to attend a training session or request additional information, please contact Ms. Veronica Hazen at [Veronica.Hazen@va.gov](mailto:Veronica.Hazen@va.gov).

### FSS Personnel will be attending the following conferences:

- AHRMM – Assoc for H/C Resource & Materials Mgmt – Tampa, FL (July 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- FIME Medical Exposition – Miami Beach, FL (Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Med-Trade – Atlanta, GA (Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>)

## Training Topic: FDA Safety Steps

Since June 2006, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been taking action to reduce the number of drugs marketed illegally in the United States. A variety of these drugs represent older products that were introduced prior to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) passed in 1938 which generally requires that drugs marketed in the United States be shown to be both safe and effective prior to marketing and widespread use in the general population. FDA cites that physicians and other health care practitioners as well as consumers cannot assume that all marketed drugs have been determined by FDA to be safe and effective. FDA is taking steps to make sure all marketed U.S. drugs have required approval.

In light of this fact, the Federal Supply Schedule Service is taking measures to ensure that drugs considered for award to an FSS contract have FDA approval or comply with an over-the-counter (OTC) drug monograph unless they fall into one of the following categories: Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) pending, OTC monograph pending, generally recognized as safe and effective (GRASE), or grandfathered. Drugs@FDA (<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/>) is utilized to find out if a drug is FDA approved. Additionally, it is the manufacturer's burden to prove that a product falls into one of the aforementioned categories prior to contract award. Things such as the medical condition being treated, the patient's previous response to the drug and the availability of alternatives should be considered since there are many unapproved drugs still on the market.

## About Our Organization...

- Over 40 years ago, the General Services Administration (GSA) delegated authority to the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), via the National Acquisition Center (NAC), to administer Federal Supply Schedules for medical related products and services.
- The VA managed FSS program covers the products and services outlined below. You can find Special item Number (SIN) category information for each of the individual schedules by clicking on the schedule title:

Schedule #	Schedule Title
621 I	<a href="#">Professional and Allied Healthcare Staffing Services</a>
621 II	<a href="#">Medical Laboratory Testing and Analysis Services</a>
65 I B	<a href="#">Pharmaceuticals and Related Products</a>
65 II A	<a href="#">Medical Equipment and Supplies</a>
65 II C	<a href="#">Dental Equipment and Supplies</a>
65 II F	<a href="#">Patient Mobility</a>
65 VII	<a href="#">Invitro Diagnostics, Reagents, Test Kits and Test Sets</a>
65 V A	<a href="#">X-ray Equipment and Supplies</a>
66 III	<a href="#">Clinical Analyzers, Laboratory, Cost-Per-Test</a>

- Helpful Links

- FSS Website: <http://www1.va.gov/oamm/oa/nac/fsss/index.cfm>
- NAC Search Tool: <http://www1.va.gov/nac/index.cfm>
- Pharmaceutical Drug Pricing: <http://www.pbm.va.gov/pbm/prices.htm>

*If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about a specific topic and/or issue, please feel free to contact the FSS helpdesk at (708)786-7737 and/or [helpdesk.ammhinfss@va.gov](mailto:helpdesk.ammhinfss@va.gov).*

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